

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-26 were originally pending in the above referenced Application. Claims 6-9 and 18-26 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment dated February 6, 2002. Claims 14-17 are directed towards a non-elected species, and accordingly, have been cancelled in the present amendment. Claims 1-5 and 10-13 are pending in the above referenced Application. Claim 5 has been cancelled. New claims 27-29 have been added.

Title of the Invention

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive. Applicant has amended the title of the invention to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. As such, Applicant respectfully, requests the removal of the objection to the title of the invention.

Abstract

The Examiner has requested a new abstract which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant provides, herewith, a new abstract to the invention which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-13 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 10-13 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. As such, Applicant, respectfully, requests the removal of the 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph rejections of claims 10-13.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 5 has been objected to as being depended upon the rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation of dependent claim 5. As such, independent claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance. Additionally, claims 2-4 which depend upon independent claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance.